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From the publisher

Last week, The Eagle erroneously reported a story regarding a 13-year-old high school freshman who brought a gun to school.

The incident took place at Belleville High School, not at Romulus High School as was incorrectly reported in the story. The incident was first reported on WDIV-TV and quoted Belleville High School principal Abdul Madyn regarding the incident during which the student was confronted about the weapon after administrators at the school were notified late in the day about a potential gun in the school. Two administrators went to the student's classroom and removed the child, according to Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools Michael L. Van Tassel.

An unloaded handgun was recovered from the teen's backpack and bullets were found in another section of the backpack, Van Tassel confirmed.

Van Tassel recently posted an account of the incident on the Van Buren Public Schools website and explained that the student was removed from the school by the police and that the gun was given to the responding officers. He added that "an explusion packet was filed, a hearing was held and the student was expelled from the district."

Van Tassel said that the administrators at Belleville High School followed correct protocols and dealt with a dangerous situation well.

"Unfortunately, this was not the first time a gun was found on a student, nor will it probably be the last. Pellet and BB guns have also been finding their way into our elementary schools, including as recently as a few weeks ago," Van Tassel's letter stated.

The Eagle mis-identified the principal involved in the incident as the principal at Romulus High School in error.

Van Tassel went on to say in his letter that while he felt the administrators in the building had handled the situation correctly, he felt that the communication with parents in the incident was not appropriate and apologized for the "poor job." He said that new procedures were being devised to keep parents and staff members notified either through an email blast, a letter sent home with students or the district website should such an incident occur in the future.

No gun incident took place at Romulus High School and The Eagle sincerely apologizes for the error and any confusion the mistake in identifying the school may have caused.

Susan Willett,
Publisher

State alleges cheating on school tests

Test scores from students at Savage Road Elementary School in the Van Buren Public School District have been thrown out by state officials who have determined that teachers violated testing rules by coaching students during the exams.

Student at Savage scored sixth in the state on the math portion of the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) test administered last spring. In addition, students at Savage scored higher than a number of schools that educate only gifted and talented students. Officials said that the overall performance on the M-STEP was far better than the school overall has performed on state exams in the past.

State education officials claim that teachers at the school alerted students who may have incorrectly answered a question and in other cases helped the students deduce the correct answer.

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The findings were part of a state-ordered investigation at Savage and the results were released last week.

According to Jan Ellis, a spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Education, this is only the third time in 12 years the state has invalidated test scores.

The district notified the state of the high test scores last October and, under state orders, undertook an investigation of the conduct of teachers during the testing Van Buren Superintendent of Schools Michael Van Tassel said in a letter to the community posted on the district website that the law firm of Collins and Blaha conducted the investigation, interviewing the test coordinators, students and teachers. That investigation concluded that at least two teachers admitted to "some level of assistance" while others denied coaching the students.

"The conclusion of the investigation was there were testing improprieties," Van Tassel said in his letter.

Various news media have reported that five teachers have been placed on paid administrative leave as a result of the testing irregularities.

The investigation also reported that students told interviewers that their teacher did the math problem when the student did not know how; the teacher read the question to the student and gave the definition; that before submitting the test on the computer, a teacher went back and helped a student with questions he did not know and that the teacher checked answers on the test and told the student if they were right or wrong, before submitting the examination for scoring.

"This has been an unfortunate incident which has serious ramifications for not only the students, but the district as well with regard to state required testing that is tied to millions of dollars in state and federal at-risk funds," Van Tassel said in his posted letter.

Top teen

Wayne student wins state scholarship

Riana Hardyniec from Wayne has been named as the Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2016. Hardyniec, who attends Wayne High School, received $1,250 in cash scholarships along with her title.

Hardyniec was chosen for the honor during the 58th Annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program at Saline High School Jan. 23. New this year, two winners were announced. The Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan 2017 is Alexus Warchock from Napoleon. Alexus received $1,550 and was named as a top Self Expression, Physical Fitness, Talent, Scholastics and Interview winner. She attends Napoleon High School.

Hardyniec and Warchock will represent Michigan at the Distinguished Young Woman of America Scholarship Program in Mobile, ALA. They are also eligible for several full-ride scholarships at various colleges around the country through the national program.

Alexus Warchock, left, of Napoleon was named Distinguished Young Woman of 2017 and Riana Hardyniec of Wayne was chosen from a field of 20 contestants as the Distinguished Young Woman of 2016.

"This was an incredibly smart and talented group of young women and we are so excited to have two new Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan winners. Both will be excellent representatives at statewide functions throughout the year and also at the nationals in Mobile," said State Director Angela Bobo.

Twenty contestants from around the state competed and were awarded a total of $7,000 in college scholarships. Other scholarship winners from the senior class of 2016 were First Runner Up - Diana Davis from Oakland County, Second Runner Up - Emma Seidel from West Bloomfield and Third Runner Up - Kelsie Wysong from Wayne. Scholarship winners from the junior class of 2017 were First Runner Up - Claire Burton from Oakland County and Second Runner-Up Adaeze Ogbuaku from Inkster.

Democrats announce candidate slate in Canton

Voters in Canton Township will have no lack of choices during the upcoming township election Nov. 8.

While incumbent Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Clerk Terry Bennett have announced their decisions not to seek reelection to the posts, hopefuls have already declared their respective candidacies for various elected offices in the township. To date, seven candidates, all declared Democrats including incumbent Steven Sneideman, have said they will be on the November ballot.

Sneideman will seek his second four-year term on the board of trustees. He was the only Democratic candidate on the ballot in 2012 and was the top voter getter in that election. He is president of the Canton Democratic Club and formerly served as president and treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton school board.

Also vying for a position as board trustee is Sommer Foster. Foster currently serves as the vice-chairperson of the Canton Public Library and is the director of policy and outreach for Equality Michigan and worked to bring a human rights ordinance to the township. She is also a founding member of the Beloved Community group that supports diversity efforts in the community. She also helped organize the Not In Our Town program and the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, a founding member of the Northwest Wayne County League of Women Voters and current coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach group, will also seek election to the board as a trustee. She chaired the Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion and has worked 21 years in the auto engineering sector.

Dhaval Vaishnav, president of the board of directors of the Hindu Temple of Canton, has also said he will campaign for a term as a township trustee. Prior to opening his own company, Vaishnav Enterprises, which specializes in retail and

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Annual Soup Swap benefit begins in Plymouth

For the fourth year, Soup Swap returns to Plymouth to benefit the Salvation Army. This year, the Central PARC Art Studio is hosting the community art project. Soups prepared by local groups will be served up for the "swap" on Feb. 27.

The art portion of the festivities will begin today when all aspiring or experienced artists are invited to go to the Central PARC Art Studios located in room #116 at the Plymouth PARC, 650 Church St., to decorate a handmade soup bowl. Participants will use colored clays to paint their favorite design on a bowl they've chosen from a large selection of shapes and sizes. There are many sessions available beginning from 4:30-6 p.m. or 6-7:30 today, Feb. 4. Painting sessions continue from 7-8:30 tomorrow, Feb 5, and from 2-3:30 or 3:30-5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 and Sunday, Feb. 7. Sessions are available from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, and from 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 and Wednesday, Feb. 17

The bowls will then be glazed and fired for the Soup Swap.

The cost of the painting session is $15 per person. To get families involved, the cost is $15 each for the first two members of the family and $10 for each additional family member. If one person would like to decorate more than one bowl, the cost is $10 for each additional bowl.

On Soup Swap day, several groups will be serving fresh soups when participants come

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Canton

Library sets Meet Your Muslim Neighbor event

Area residents can sample international delicacies, get a henna- design, write in Arabic-style calligraphy, and have the opportunity to speak face-to-face with one of the area's many Muslim residents at an event at the Canton Public Library from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Feb. 27.

The event is being organized by the library, the Muslim American Society-Detroit, the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs and the Canton Response to Hate Crime Coalition to create a culture of peace and build a safe, inclusive community.

"Amid growing tensions and cultural misunderstandings, the key to overcoming stereotypes is face-to-face interaction. We want everyone to see a friendly Muslim face amid all of the hate rhetoric that's going on nationally," Saamih Bashir of the Muslim American Society, Detroit chapter said.

Among other topics, speakers will address misconceptions about the role of women in Islam and the wearing of the Hijab, basic tenets of Islam and how Muslims view other religions.

"The library is a great venue for this event. Not only are we fulfilling our mission of connecting our community, we are providing a neutral common ground for all of our residents to meet and learn about our Muslim neighbors," said library Director Eva Davis, who serves with Canton Public Safety Sgt. Dale Waltz as co-chair of the Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition.

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"Those of us who serve on the Hate Crimes Coalition have learned that it is personal interactions, such as what we've planned with MAS-Detroit and MCWS for this event, that are the most effective at breaking down preconceived biases and fears."

"We really believe that the solution is not to isolate ourselves but to reach out and for people to see that we're normal human beings, neighbors, teachers, parents," Bashir said.

The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information or directions to the library, visit www.cantonpl.org.

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real estate, he worked in a management position with Ford Motor Co.

He has helped organize and coordinate free health fairs for Canton residents, and been involved with youth cultural programs, along with organizing meals for the needy. He has also been involved with Habitat for Humanity and the Rouge River cleanup

The part-time office as township trustee pays $12,731 annually.

Seeking to succeed LaJoy, is Dr. Syed Taj who formerly served as a township trustee. He will face Republican Pat Williams, a current trustee, who has also entered the race for the top township job which pays $122,416.

Former State Rep. Dian Slavens, who served three terms in the House of Representatives, will seek the treasurer's job in Canton Township. Melissa McLaughlin, a Republican, currently fills the full-time position which pays $104,827 annually.

Vying for the clerk's office, filled for more than two decades by Bennett, will be Michael Siegrist, a former trustee with the Canton Public Library and a member of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education. Siegrist, who is a professional accountant, worked on the township absentee counting board and said his service on the school board helps manage the $150 million district budget.

He will face Republican Linda Obrec for the full-time job which also pays $104,827 annually.

The Democratic slate said they will share a campaign theme: Moving Canton Forward Together.

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Canton, MI 48188
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings –January 26, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Motion by Yack, supported by Williams to move from open session to closed session at 6:17 p.m., for the purpose of discussion of union negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. **6:17 P.M.: CLOSED SESSION – TO DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS** Roll Call Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: McLaughlin Staff Present: Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb Dismissed from closed session to Reception for Fire Poster Contest Awards at 6:30 p.m. **6:30 P.M.: RECEPTION FOR FIRE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams move from closed to open session at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor LaJoy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: McLaughlin Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb, Kristen Thomas Staff Absent: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda adding Item G-14 Consider Appointment of Interim Liaison for Planning Commission and Item G-15 Consideration of approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Canton Township and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) with a Term Ending December 30, 2018. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Minutes of January 12, 2016 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, inquired about the residual sand spread on Briarfield as a result of a watermain break. Miller inquired about a pothole on Sheldon Road north of Cherry Hill, Lilley road north of Palmer, and Morton-Taylor north of Warren. Supervisor LaJoy agreed and explained this is handled by Wayne County. Miller commented about a barking dog complaint from July 2015. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Approving a 2016 Police Budget Amendment to include the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant #2015-MU-BX-0964 awarded in 2015. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the following listed amendments to the 2016 Police Budget: Increase Revenues: 2016 Police Federal Grants: #207-000.501 $10,000 Increase Appropriations: 2016 Police Program Expense 2015 Byrne JAG: #207-301-50.743.0022 $10,000 Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-2. Consider Appointment of Planning Commission Member. (Supv.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to appoint Alan Okon to the Canton Township Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2017. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-3. Consider Reappointments to the Canton Tax Board of Review. (Supv.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the reappointments of Ron Podolak and Stan Turek to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire on 3/1/18. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-4. Appointment of Pension/Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator. (Supv.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the appointment Wendy Trumbull, Director of Finance and Budget, as Plan Administrator for all of Canton's Pension and Deferred Compensation plans. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolutions amending the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON The undersigned, constituting all of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, hereby consent to and authorize the following actions and adopt the following resolutions: WHEREAS,** in accordance with the authority provided in Article 8, of the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan as amended and restated (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan"), the Employer has the right to amend the Plan subject to the limitations of Article 8; **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, that Wendy Trumbull is appointed to serve as the Administrator of the Plan within the meaning of Section 3(16) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. She shall have all the responsibilities and powers accorded to the plan administrator under the Plan and ERISA; Further it is resolved that Gwyn Belcher, currently serving as the Administrator of the Plan be removed as administrator effective January 8, 2016. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Second Reading for Amendments to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Ordinances Relative to the Boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business District Overlay Boundaries. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to remove from the table and hold the second reading of an ordinance amending Sections 6.08 and 6.10 of Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton regarding boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business District Overlay Guidelines. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to deny the second reading of an ordinance amending Sections 6.08 and 6.10 of Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton regarding boundaries of the Corporate Park and Central Business District Overlay Guidelines. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Approve the Canton Tax Board of Review Guidelines for Hardship and Value Appeals. (Supv.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman that the Canton Board of Trustees approve the value and hardship appeal guidelines to be used by the Tax Board of Review in 2016. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-3. Consider First Reading of Code of Ordinance Amendments to Part II, Chapter 78 Entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations", Article V Entitled "Fences, Walls and Borders", Sections 78-123 to 78-131. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to introduce for first reading an ordinance which amends the Township Code of Ordinance, Part II, Chapter 78 Entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations", Article V entitled "Fences, Walls and Borders", Sections78-123 to 78-131. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to table for consideration this proposed text amendment to the Township Code of Ordinance and schedule a second reading on February 9, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. A copy of the complete text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at. **Item G-4. Consider First Reading of Code of Ordinance Amendments to Part II, Chapter 78 Entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations", Article IV Entitled "Exterior Concrete", Sections 78-91 to 78-94. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to introduce for first reading an ordinance which amends the Township Code of Ordinance, Part II, Chapter 78 Entitled "Buildings and Building Regulations", Article IV entitled "Exterior Concrete", Sections78-91 to 78-94;Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to table for consideration this proposed text amendment to the Township Code of Ordinance and schedule a second reading on February 9, 2016. Motion carried by all members present. A copy of the complete text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item G-5. Consider the Purchase of a 2015 Caterpillar 430 F Backhoe. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to authorize the purchase of the CAT 430 F Backhoe from Michigan Caterpillar, 24800 Novi Road, Novi MI 48375 in an amount not-to-exceed $94,797.11. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Consider Waiving the Purchasing Policy and Award a Contract to Kennedy Industries for the Purchase & Installation of Two Flygt Non-clog Submersible Pumps for the Commerce Park Sanitary Sewer Lift Station. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to waive the purchasing policy requiring formal bids as the vendor is the sole-source distributor of Flygt pumps in Lower Michigan, and award a contract for the purchase and installation of two Flygt submersible pumps from Kennedy Industries, 52900 Grand River, New Hudson MI 48165-0180 and approve a purchase order for a not-to-exceed amount of $11,120. Motion carried by all members present. Clerk Bennett asked how many of these pumps does the township have. Director Faas replied we have four pump stations with two pumps in each and these are the last two pumps to be replaced **Item G-7. Consider Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Fiber Wide Area Network Project (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Plymouth Canton Community School District, MISEN and Canton Township for the Fiber Wide Area Network Project; and, further authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-8. Consider Approval of GolfNow Software License/Marketing/Technology Agreement. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman authorize the agreement with GolfNow Reservations pending the Township Attorney's approval of final contract language. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-9. Consider Purchasing Six In-Car Camera DVR Upgrade Kits. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the purchase of six Flashback3 DVR/camera upgrade kits and accessories in the amount of $18,781.50, from L3 Mobile-Vision, Inc., utilizing funds budgeted in the 2016 Police Capital Outlay Computers & Equipment Account. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-10. Consider Approving the Purchase of (14) Patrol Laptops. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to approve the purchase of (14) Dell Latitude laptops in the amount of $35,663.74, from Dell, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-11. Consideration of an Animal Sheltering Agreement with the Michigan Humane Society, Westland Shelter for 2016. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Yack to approve the proposed 2016 Animal Sheltering Agreement between the Michigan Humane Society and Canton Township, and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-12. Consider Sale of Canton Property and Authorize Supervisor LaJoy to Sign All Documents Necessary to Close on the Sale. (Supv.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to accept the Creighton, McLean and Shea PLC, Letter of Intent and authorize Supervisor LaJoy to sign the formal Purchase Agreement and any other documents necessary to complete the sale of the 1.84 acres of land in the Dye Bros. Wayne Park Subdivision (Parcel numbers: 133-01-0079-302 and 133-01-0032-301, 133-01-0033-301, 133-01-0034-301, and 133-01-0035-301).n for $70,000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-13. Blanket Purchase Orders. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the attached Blanket Purchase Orders. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-14. Consider Appointment of Interim Liaison for Planning Commission. (Supv)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to appoint Trustee Anthony as an interim Township Board liaison to the Canton Township Planning Commission until the return of Treasurer McLaughlin to regular duties. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-15. Consideration of approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Canton Township and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) with a Term Ending December 30, 2018. (Supv)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) with a term ending December 31, 2018, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____ **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. Publish: February 4, 2016. EC020416-1254 2.5 x 13.115

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP 15/16-08 COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY-JUNE 30, 2016

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.
(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal ***must use the forms provided by the City.*** Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ http://www.mitn.info/.
(3) Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **February 23, 2016**. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received proposals are to be publicly opened and read.

RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED:
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
RFP 15/16-08 COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY-JUNE 30, 2016
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan 48174

(4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.
(5) Proposals shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting bids/proposals.
(6) The successful Company will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFP documents and all required endorsements.
(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us .

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2016
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
16-006 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 4, 2016. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner: None
4. Chairperson's Report:
Mayor Burcroff gave an update regarding the grocery store that may open downtown and also the outlet mall that may open in 2016.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff will give the State of the City address on January 12, 2016 at the RAC at 4:00 p.m. and again in February at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He presented a video of upcoming City events.
16-007 5A1. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Crout** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Marguerite Hoeft. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-008 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to introduce Budget Amendment 15/16-14 to increase the cost recover contractual cost with offsetting revenues.

Fund/Dept. Account No.	Account Name	Current Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
General Fund Revenue				
101-336-679.000	Fire Dept Cost Recovery	30,000	10,000	40,000
Expense				
101-336-818.000	Fire Dept Contractual Services	5,000	10,000	15,000

To increase the cost recovery contractual cost with offsetting revenues. Note: This has no effect on the General Fund's fund balance **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
16-009 6A1. Moved by **Choate**, seconded by **Crout** to approve first reading of the Restated City of Romulus Employee Pension Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-110 6A2. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the proposed final projects for the Anticipated 2016/2017 CDBG Allocation. The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-111 6A3. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the general audit and the single audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The study session will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-112 6A4. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to schedule a public hearing on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the proposed final projects for the Anticipated 2016/2017 CDBG Allocation. The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chamber **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that property taxes are due on February 16, 2016.
7. Public Comment
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business:
Councilwoman Makowski spoke about the various programs at the Romulus Library which includes all ages.
10. Communication:
Councilwoman Roscoe announced the Romulus Citizens Academy will start on Tuesday, February 2nd and run through May 17th from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m.; Mayor Burcroff spoke about the Citizens Academy graduates who have volunteered to help plan the next Hometown Hero event. Councilwoman Makowski announced the Friends of the Library Quarterly Book Sale to be held on Thursday, Jan. 14th, Friday, Jan. 15th and Sat. Jan. 16th during regular business hours with all proceeds from the sale to fund library programs. City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that AV applications were mailed out and before returning the application, the voter must choose one of the three ballot choices, any questions contact the Clerk's Office at 734-942-7540.
16-113 11. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 16-01 in the amount of $1,541,867.59.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Makowski** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 11, 2016.
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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Noted author visits home town

Author T. L. Criswell

Noted author T.L. Criswell, an Inkster native, spoke to a crowded audience at the Lemoyne Gardens Community Center last week, reminding them of the theme of her novels: what you put into the universe determines your destiny.

Her debut novel, The Peacemaker, was inspired by her poem, Stolen Opportunities which she self published in 2008. Her newest novel, Peace on That: The Peacemaker II, was released to strong reviews last September.

"A historically detailed, emotionally rich story of three generations of men dealing with and sometimes evading their duties to one another." ~Kirkus Reviews said of her first work while Vnae Amazon reviewer said, "T. L. Criswell has given us the full throttle of storytelling and has taken readers on a ride of generational honor, dishonor, pride and loyalty."

An excerpt from the Peacemaker:

"The gate slams shut, sending a jolt of reality through seventeen-year-old Jayson Jackson's entire body. As an officer pats him down, Jayson secretly hopes that tomorrow, when he turns eighteen, his life will finally be his own. But he knows it will not be easy. Two years ago, he accidentally shot his best friend. Once again, Jayson is the victim of stolen opportunities. Now left helpless as he awaits a judge's decision to either let him walk free or give him a sentence that could land him in a correctional facility for a long time, Jayson reflects on the friendship he once shared with Michael-Stephens all-star athlete, high school scholar, and aspiring singer. On the surface, Michael, also known as Mr. Basketball, appeared to have it all. But no one but Jayson knew that he and Michael shared a powerful kinship created through similar childhood tragedies. Now with the help of his grandmother and his uncle Scott, Jayson must learn to reconcile his past in order to move forward with his future. Set against the sometimes-gritty backdrop of Detroit, this poignant saga reveals an unforgettable message of forgiveness, responsibility, and second chances as a young man struggles to regain his life after a horrible mistake."

Criswell is passionate about living a happy and well-balanced life, which is reflective in her writings, which have been described as authentic, witty, humorous, and poignant. She has been writing poetry and short stories since she was a young girl in her hometown of Inkster.

Criswell, 45, and her husband now live in Eastpointe with their children.

Mayor taking 'Morning Meetings' on the road

Mayor William R. Wild is taking his Mornings with the Mayor meetings on the road this year.

The meetings, which usually last about an hour, are informal meetings open to the public during which Wild can listen to residents' concerns and provide information about the city. Department heads are often in attendance at the meetings when coffee and water are served, along with information.

"This year, we are taking them on the road in order to visit different parts of Westland. I look forward to continuing to work with residents to make Westland the best it can be," Wild said.

The next meeting, set for 9 a.m. Feb. 9, is planned at the Ralph Savini Fire Station, 35701 Central City Parkway. The March 15 meeting will take place at the Westland Police Station, 36701 Ford Road and the April 12 meeting is set at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey Road.

For more information call the mayor's office, (734) 467-3200.

SUCCESS

Wayne-Westland Community Schools fifth through eighth grade students participated in the annual District Spelling Bee last week when winners from Adams and Marshall competed in the Upper Elementary School Spelling Bee and winners from Franklin and Stevenson competed in the Middle School Spelling Bee. Winner at the 36th annual Earle Chorbagian Spelling Bee at Adams Upper Elementary School was Joseph Nunez, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary School while Bassit Fijabi, an eighth grader at Stevenson Middle School, won the Middle School Spelling Bee. Both will move on to compete in the WXYZ Channel 7 Spelling Bee in Detroit on March 13. Congratulating the Nunez, above left, were his mother, Cathy Nunez,; Carol Middel, school board vice-president; Earle Chorbagian; Bobby Kelly, principal at Marshall Upper Elementary School and Tom Buckalew, school board trustee.

Adam Martin, principal at Stevenson Middle School, left, congratulates winner Bassit Fijabi along with Earle Chorbagian; Carol Middel and Tom Buckalew.

Water collection under way

Westland Mayor William Wild has asked city residents to help the citizens of Flint, suffering from the serious effects of contaminated water.

"As many of you are already aware the City of Flint is in a dire situation and is in need of aid. Many residents are still in need of clean water for drinking, cooking, cleaning and bathing. The Flint water crisis is a devastating reality and is occurring a mere 60 miles from our homes. It is time that surrounding communities ban together and offer assistance to our fellow Michiganders," Wild said last week.

"As part of Westland's Compassionate City Initiative, I am asking you to join me in helping the residents of the City of Flint by participating in an ongoing bottled water drive," he added.

Westland will be collecting bottled water which will be delivered to Flint residents, Wild said. Those who wish to participate can bring bottled water to Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m Monday through Friday.

"Westland is known as one of Michigan's most compassionate cities. I am confident that with the help of the residents, employees, civic organizations and elected officials, together we can make a difference," Wild said.

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Belleville - Northville

Center offers help for struggling students

Rachelle Vartanian always considered herself a good teacher.

She spent the first two decades of her educational career helping children with learning disabilities and special needs, particularly those with emotional impairments, as an educator in the public school system, working with elementary, middle and high school students.

It was during this time that her son was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"I always tell people, I was a good teacher before, but I became a different kind of teacher when I had a child with special needs."

Vartanian, a Northville resident, subsequently opened Living & Learning in downtown Northville, an enrichment center that provides services for youth, teens and young adults who struggle socially, academically and emotionally in reaching their full potential.

"A few years ago, I could not find any programs to enrich my son's life near my home. I made it my mission to create my own. I rented a room at the local library and met with a small group of kids once a week. Eventually, I was turning families away because I didn't have the room. During this time, after working for 20 years as special ed teacher I was able to take an early retirement and decided to take a leap of faith and open up Living & Learning," Vartanian said.

Special needs children, teens and young adults can benefit from programs offered at Living & Learning in downtown Northville. Social groups are forming for all ages and the center offers one-on-one or group, music therapy classes and art therapy classes, not to mention "rock band", tutoring, teen nights with video games and pizza. This enrichment center provides

> *Our children's disability does not define who they are or what they have the potential to become.*

services, for youth, teens and young adults, who struggle socially, academically and emotionally in reaching their full potential.

Vartanian said the mission statement of the new center embodies her philosophy of helping young people.

"Our children's disability does not define who they are or what they have the potential to become," she said.

"At Living & Learning we are on a mission to assist all people in reaching their own personal best. We understand that your child is a person first (and not a label). Your child has specific strengths and weaknesses that are unique and make them who they are. We believe in order to increase "desirable qualities" and "enrich one's life" it can only be done by knowing your child first as that individual. If we do not believe we can appropriately provide researched-based, best practice methodologies for your child we will assist you in finding the right programs or centers that will," Vartanian said.

Vartanian earned her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University in Teaching for the Emotionally Impaired. She also has a master's degree in Educational Psychology with a concentration in Personality and Development.

Following her son's diagnosis, Vartanian returned to graduate school where she earned a second master's degree in Autism Specturm Disorders.

"As with my emotionally impaired students, I knew the only way I could understand my own son's needs and enforce real change was to learn and keep learning everything I could about Autism Spectrum Disorders," she said.

Vartanian said that social groups and summer camps are now being formed at Living & Learning and therapy in art, speech and music is available. A rock band class for young adults is forming and tutoring and other therapies and groups are available.

Living & Leaning is located at 150 Mary Alexander Court and Vartanian said she is also seeking high school students to serve as volunteer mentors with special needs clients. She said that training for the volunteers is provided at the center.

Sing out loud

The Hillside Middle School Ensemble extracurricular choir was rated Excellent at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association district festival at Monroe Middle School Jan. 30 when several hundred middle school performers from throughout southeast Michigan and their families attended the competition. The Northville 8th graders practice twice a week before school with vocal teacher Vickie Kopistiansky, who volunteers her time to coach the choir. The Northville group was awarded blue ribbons at the event.

Inside/Out exhibit coming to Belleville

The Detroit Institute of Arts has selected downtown Belleville as part of the Inside/Out exhibit next year.

Rosemary Loria, chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, told the members of the group during a meeting last month that a letter had been received from the art museum announcing Belleville as one of the exhibitors for 2016. The art institute will install weatherproof copies of several masterpieces throughout downtown Belleville and several sculptures, four over the bridge in Van Buren Township.

Seven framed artworks will comprise the exhibit and will be within walking or biking distance of each other to form a "grand, open-air gallery."

The exhibit will be a partnership with the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, allowing room for the minimum eight sculptures. The township is considering adding more sculptures to the display in addition to the two slated for north of the bridge.

The addition would classify Belleville as a mid-size display which will cost Belleville an estimated $12,000 to $13,000 to lease the sculptures for a year.

The new display will be erected when the current sculptures are removed in June.

Changes discussed to township and city fire service

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Changes to the way Northville Fire Department handles emergent ambulance service are being considered and have been confirmed by Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth.

The topic was discussed at the Fire Advisory Board Meeting in Plymouth Monday. Plymouth and Northville have a joint fire services agreement that shares the City of Northville 50-man, on-call firefighter crew, even though the two communities are not contiguous. Neither Northville Township nor Plymouth Township participates in the Fire Advisory Board meetings.

Werth said that with major road construction work scheduled this year for I-275 and Six Mile Road-the location of the only fire station in Northville Township, officials have offered options to Northville Mayor Ken Roth to alleviate their concerns about long response times, especially during rush hour traffic periods.

Werth said they have made various proposals to Northville "for almost 2 years," and to date have not had any confirmation as to acceptability until now when city officials formally questioned their response times.

One proposal was to locate a Northville Township Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulance unit at the Main and Wing fire station in the city for priority-one calls. The move would allow the city fire department to eliminate calling Community EMS, a private ambulance company located at 11 Mile and Novi Road, for those priority calls. If the proposal is adopted, Northville Township would bill patients directly as opposed to Community EMS. Werth said the cost to provide the service to the city would be negated by the revenue from the patients.

Community EMS bills residents and patients $750 for priority-one ALS runs, plus $12.50 per mile and a $40 oxygen charge, if required.

Colleen Pobur, chair of the Fire Advisory Board, questioned Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott about a possible partnership at the board meeting. Roth responded saying only, "We've been approached, an offer was made and we're looking at it."

"The additional run-volume (for Northville city) will not put a strain on our response times…this is a first step." Werth said.

Werth said the Northville Township Fire Department response times are less than 8.0 minutes 87 percent of the time.

Werth said Northville Township was also in talks with Plymouth Township officials to rent space and park an ambulance and fire engine at the long-shuttered Station 2 for six months during the construction time. The station located on Wilcox Road was built to serve the 800 homes in the Lake Pointe subdivision because of the numerous railroad crossings.

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PLYMOUTH - ROMULUS

Court rules wounded officer cannot sue

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A Supreme Court decision this month ruled that a former Plymouth Township police officer who was shot by a fellow police officer while attempting to apprehend an armed-robbery suspect does not have the opportunity to pursue legal recourse, after years of legal wrangling.

The incident took place Oct. 29, 2009 when a robbery suspect was killed by police officers from the Western Wayne Criminal Investigation Task Force -S.W.A.T Team outside the Wireless USA store on Ann Arbor Road east of Lilley in Plymouth Township. The S.W.A.T. Team is made up of officers from many communities.

Court records of the incident say the plainclothes officers were attempting to arrest Lebron Bronson, 45, of Canton Township who had just robbed the store and walked outside. Officers from the task force claimed Bronson pointed a gun at them and refused orders to drop the weapon. Shots were fired and Bronson was pronounced dead at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

During the ensuing gunfire Plymouth Township Police Ofc. Michael Lego was shot in the back and wounded in his left hand. He was transported to the same hospital as Bronson. Court records show that Michigan State Police Trooper Jake Liss fired the shots that injured Lego. Liss' bullet entered Lego's back and exited through his hand, blowing off two fingers. Lego was given a full disability retirement in 2010.

Lego and his wife, Pamela Lego, filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court against Liss for gross negligence. Liss' attorneys moved for summary disposition, arguing that the suit was barred by the "Fireman's Rule," which provides immunity from tort liability for injuries "arising in the normal, inherent and foreseeable risks of the firefighter's or police officer's profession."

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John H. Gillis, Jr. denied the motion for summary disposition and Liss appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

A ruling in the Court of Appeals concluded in part that Liss was not entitled to immunity if he acted in disregard of his police training and violated safety procedures.

The Court of Appeals opinion stated, "In the present case, the parties were not members of the same task force; rather, defendant and members of his task force were assisting plaintiff's task force. Defendant offered an affidavit suggesting that one task force operated under the umbrella of the other; however, that assertion was not reflected by the written agreements. Moreover, plaintiff and defendant were employed by different government entities - Plymouth Township and the State of Michigan. Factual questions remained regarding whether the parties were engaged in a joint venture and were coemployees. Therefore, the trial court did not err by denying defendant's motion for summary disposition under MCR 2.116(C)(8) and (C)(10).

Lego at the time of the incident reported to Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington who described the incident. "They (S.W.A.T. officers had the suspect under surveillance when he entered the store. They weren't aware he was going to commit a robbery until after the fact. It was a stacked formation…it was a chaotic situation."

"When a police officer fires his weapon, he owns the bullet," Tiderington said.

Lego's attorney Michael L. Stefani argued before the Supreme Court Justices citing the Court of Appeals opinion. Stefani said this case could be an example of how a police officer should not act, "especially a highly trained S.W.A.T. officer."

"Liss' assignment was across the street to watch was going on…he left his position without telling anyone and positioned himself behind Lego…he was positioned at the back of Officer Lego…his finger was on the trigger."

"If it's normal, inherent and foreseeable for one police officer to shoot another police officer, that is absolutely ridiculous."

Michigan State Police Public Information Officer Mike Shaw reviewed both the case investigation file and the court opinions.

"It's unfortunate when you have an officer shot in in the line of duty under friendly fire... there are times when things happen in the spare of the moment. We take our training seriously," Shaw said.

The Supreme Court granted defendant Liss' application for leave to appeal in a case that centered on the scope of the immunity provision of the firefighter's rule disagreeing with the Court of Appeals opinion regarding the Firefighters Rule.

"The majority essentially determined that the defendant might not be entitled to immunity if his actions were especially egregious: in other words, if the defendant (Liss) were grossly negligent, he would not be entitled to immunity because the injury resulting from his actions would not 'arise from the normal, inherent, and foreseeable risks of (Michael Lego's) profession.'"

Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. and six Supreme Court justices ruled in a unanimous opinion that the Court of Appeals erred (in part) and held that Liss was entitled to immunity as a matter of law, whether or not he acted with any degree of recklessness and remanded the case to the Wayne Circuit Court for entry of an order granting summary disposition to Liss.

Romulus activist continues Flint water drive

Long before the media descended on the City of Flint to report on the water crisis, Romulus resident Virginia Williams was doing her best to help out.

Through the Romulus Citizens for Social Change (RCSC), she and her husband have been leading efforts to bring safe drinking water to the residents of that city one truckload at a time.

"We make sure the people get it," said Williams, who is the president of the RCSC. "We don't drop it off to a central location-we bring it right to the people who need it."

She estimated that she and her husband, with the help of his 18-wheeler, have taken more than 12,000 cases of water to the city since 2014, when she first tried to alert leaders and the media of the situation.

Now, more people in Romulus are joining the effort. Romulus City Councilwoman Kathy Abdo said she and her class are collecting change to purchase bottled water to send to Flint. An impromptu collection from the members of the city council Monday night brought in more than enough to purchase another pallet for the city.

Williams said a pallet of bottled water could be purchased at Sam's Club for $212 or $264, depending on the amount of the bulk purchase. Because of the size of the 18-wheeler, pallets are easier to load and keep stable than individual cases are, so the RCSC is collecting funds to purchase the water.

She also praised the many volunteers that have taken the trip to help distribute the water in the two primarily-affected zip codes. She said that effort has involved high-schoolers and senior citizens and that everyone has done their part.

"We have to come together to do this," she said. "We as adults-no matter what race-need to take action. We need to work together to try to solve this and to set a good example for our kids."

Williams said she hopes to have enough to fill another truck for another delivery soon.

The best way to help with the effort is to contact the Romulus Citizens for Social Change. Their email address is RCSC2010@yahoo.com and the phone number is (734) 673-8396.

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Calendar of events

Swimming sessions available

Registration for the winter session of swimming sessions at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) is now under way and will continue through Feb. 26. Registration will be closed (online and at the office) Feb. 15-19 and will re-open Feb.20.

The pool will be closed Feb. 13 through 20 to complete updates. Visit www.PlymouthPARC.com [http://plymouthparc.com/] to register.

PARC aquatics program is a swim program dedicated to providing a quality and price friendly aquatics program to all ages offering a variety of swim programs to fit the needs of beginners, recreational, and competitive swimmers. Classes are taught by certified staff members.

Mermaid visits Plymouth

The Little Mermaid has arrived at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) in downtown Plymouth.

Forever After Productions is staging the show through Feb. 7 at the former Central Middle School building where PARC is now located. The show, based on a Hans Christian Andersen story and brought to the screen by Disney animators, the show includes songs like Under the Sea, Kiss the Girl and part of Your World.

General admission tickets are $10 and are currently on sale . Shows are at 7 p.m. tomorrow, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at www.iheartforeverafter.com or by phone at (734) 547-5156. The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) is located between downtown and Old Village at 650 Church St., Plymouth.

Bricks for sale

Memorial bricks to be installed at the veteran's memorial in the City of Romulus are for sale, to honor those who have served in the armed services of our country.

Bricks on the veteran's wall are priced at $125 with two lines of text and bricks on the walkway with two lines are $75. Larger size walkway bricks are available for $100 and include four lines of text.

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For more information, contact the treasurer's office, (734) 942-7580.

Count Me In storytime continues

The Canton Library is offering Storytime for kids with special needs, Count Me In, at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Storytimes are designed for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. The programs are funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Programs are planned for Feb. 13, March 12, April 23, May 21 and June 18 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road.

For information, call (734) 397-0999.

Photographers to meet

The only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The February meeting will feature a tutorial on using the free StereoPhoto Maker software for processing stereo images. After a refreshment break, there will be 3D image competitions in "Open" and "Nature/Scenic" categories. There will also be a special "Freebie" drawing for 3D items for club members.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Used books for sale

The Friends of the Westland Library book sale is planned for Feb. 12-14 with hours from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday and from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, which is also $4 per bag sale day.

All paperback fiction books are priced at only a dime for this sale only.

There will be DVDs, CDs, hardcover books, large and small paperbacks, videos, cassettes, records and magazines for sale.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

Teen reading program planned

The Romulus Public Library Teen Winter Reading Program will take place through March 3 for ages 12 through 17.

Teens can read and collect prizes. Those filling up their entire reading card will win a free book and entry into a special drawing.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Health film hearings set

A video scheduled to be used in reproductive health classes for fourth-grade girls will be the subject of a public hearing for parents of Northville students.

Members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education have scheduled the public meeting to allow parents and community members to comment on a proposed revision to the instructional DVD used in the fourth-grade reproductive health lesson for female students

A hearing is planned during the regular meeting of the members of the board of education beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 9, with a preview opportunity from 6:30-7 p.m. at Hillside Middle School Forum, 775 North Center St., Northville, MI 48167

Relay For Life kicks off

An informational meeting regarding the Belleville Relay For Life event is planned from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave. in Belleville. The meeting, open to the public, will take place in the school cafeteria.

For more information, contact Katherine Fitzpatrick, (586) 817-0478 or Katherine.Fitzpatrick@cancer.org.

Fat Tuesday dinner planned

The Belleville rotary Club will present the annual Fat Tuesday Italian Buffet from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road in Van Buren Township.

Adult tickets are priced at $12 and children 12 and younger dinners are priced at $6. The menu includes a variety of pastas and sauces along with other Italian foods. Paczki and pop will be sold separately.

Tickets are available from any Rotary club member and at the door. Carry outs are available. All proceeds will go to youth and tri-community projects.

Soul Food Dinner served

The Annual Soul Food Dinner presented by the Romulus Community Schools, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the City of Romulus will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Feb. 9 at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Road in Romulus.

Dinner will be followed by a special Black History Month presentation from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the school.

The event is free and open to the public and all are welcome to war African attire and African/American themed art and crafts will be available for purchase.

Donations will be accepted on behalf of the Romulus Middle School Student Activities Fund.

Parent night planned

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night for those with students transitioning to 9th grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10, in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium.

Benefit

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to pick up their bowl, again at the Central PARC Art Studios.

To benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army Food Pantry, participants are asked to bring a canned food or non-perishable item to help restock the shelves to swap for some hot soup when they come to pick up their bowl.

Leslie Greeneisen, the director of the art studios said, ''I've gotten so many calls from past participants asking when the Soup Swap will be held again. This is wonderful project for the community and for the Salvation Army. We're excited see this much support and to continue what has become a tradition during the winter in Plymouth.''

To register for the Soup Swap Bowl Painting sessions at the Central PARC Art Studios or for more information, call Greeneisen (734) 578-1298. The Soup Swap will take place from 1 -2:30 p.m. Feb. 27 and is open to the public, no reservations are required.

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CALL: (734) 757-6818
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